

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

--HEAD WITH SELF-PINNED STRUCTURE HAVING PINNED
LAYER EXTENDING BEYOND TRACK EDGES OF THE FREE LAYER--.

Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

A magnetic head according to another embodiment includes a head body including a top face, a bottom face, a pair of elongated side faces, and a pair of short end faces; at least one transducer formed in communication with the top face of the head body; and a single groove formed in the top face of the head body and extending between the transducers and one of the side faces of the head body. A method for manufacturing a magnetic head is also presented.

Please replace the paragraph found on p. 5, lines 4-11 with the following amended paragraph:

A magnetic head according to one embodiment includes a head body with a substantially rectangular configuration including a top face, a bottom face, a pair of elongated side faces, and a pair of short end faces; at least one transducer formed in communication with the top face of the head body; a closure with a substantially rectangular configuration having a length substantially equal to the head body, the closure coupled to a first one of the side faces of the head body coincident with the top face thereof; and a single groove formed in the top face of the head body and extending between the at least one

transducer and a second one of the side faces, the single groove defined by a first surface positioned in a plane substantially parallel with the side faces and defined by edges coincident with the top face and the end faces, and a second surface positioned in a plane substantially parallel with the top and bottom faces and defined by edges coincident with the first surface, the end faces and the second side face; wherein the single groove is adapted for providing a discontinuity edge and controlling an overwrap angle of a tape sliding along the at least one transducer.

A magnetic head according to another embodiment includes a head body including a top face, a bottom face, a pair of elongated side faces, and a pair of short end faces; at least one transducer formed in communication with the top face of the head body; and a single groove formed in the top face of the head body and extending between the transducers and one of the side faces of the head body.

A method for manufacturing a magnetic head according to one embodiment includes providing a head body including a top face, a bottom face, a pair of elongated side faces, and a pair of short end faces, wherein a transducer is formed in communication with the top face of the head body; and forming a single groove in the top face of the head body such that the single groove extends between the at least one transducer and one of the side faces of the head body.